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Last Week In The Legislature

BY GEO. E. BELL

The closing session of the Alberta Legislature was highlighted by discussion on two main bills—one an Act respecting the rights of Alberta citizens, and the other a Health Bill.

The Act respecting the rights of Alberta citizens is premised by a list of undeniable facts. It points out that this country has fought two world wars for the declared purpose of assuring a better democratic society in which all people will receive a better share of the production and material resources of our country. One would have failed to win the peace, and the second one will do the same thing unless we re-organize our internal economy in such a way that the freedom and security for which men and women fought, may be experienced in reality by our citizens.

To do something about winning the peace is an obligation which every citizen owes to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The preamble points out that this province possesses all the necessary human and material resources to guarantee our citizens material security and personal freedom. The Bill Act charges the province with the responsibility of providing opportunities to enable the people of the province to realize and enjoy their political and civil rights in order for the province to discharge this responsibility, certain basic rights and responsibilities of citizenship must be recognized. Alberta citizens must have access to the province's resources so that they can produce the necessary goods and services, and an adequate system of distribution must be inaugurated in order that all may realize their share from the efforts of the producers.

A province, to provide the opportunity for its citizens to develop and enjoy the resources of the province, must be in a position to control policy in respect to the issuing, use and withdrawal of credits.

This Alberta Bill of Rights is a sincere and earnest endeavor to translate into legislation, and then into actual experience, those principles which the majority of Alberta citizens support. The preamble stresses certain principles, generally acceptable principles.

The rest of the bill is divided into two parts. The first part deals with the rights of citizenship. It outlines the principles which govern the rights and responsibilities of every citizen and the right of religious worship; freedom of expression; freedom of citizens to associate; the right to engage in work of their choice which may be available in the province. It stresses the right of citizens to own land and homes, but also stresses the necessity for the opportunity to engage in gainful employment. Only if gainful employment is not available is a citizen entitled to a special security pension. This applies particularly to those between the ages of nineteen and sixty. Those under nineteen are entitled to the necessities of life, educational and medical benefits. Those over sixty who wish to retire from gainful employment are entitled to a pension and medical benefits. The physically disabled are at all times entitled to a special security pension and medical benefits.

The second part of the Bill deals with the issuing and transferring of citizenship. A court order may be sought, as well as a careful analysis by a n y and every provincial organization. The government wants an expression of the people's views with respect to the issue of this bill, for it is a flexible one and the government is anxious that it be amended in any respect necessary to make it conform to the will of the people of the province.

In discussing the principles of the bill while it was before the House, Premier E. C. Manning said the citizens of this province to answer for themselves three very important questions:

(1) Have we in Alberta the physical resources and man-power to provide the essential, necessary goods and services to our people?

(2) Have we reached the stage where these proposals as outlined in this bill can properly be regarded as real citizenship?

(3) If this is not the best answer to our problem of organizing a new

News Items of local interest

Miss E. Gooderham leaves today for Kingston Ont., to attend the university there.

Russel Hampton of Calgary spent the weekend in town visiting his daddy, S. Hampton.

Despite the bad weather quite a few attended the dance at Meadowbrook last Friday night.

Great flocks of geese are to be seen these days winging their way north. On some of the sloughs flocks of swans are to be seen.

Cpl. Alberta Richards of Calgary spent the week end in town visiting her parents.

Miss Margaret Dafeo, Peter Lack, Miss Klipsch, Robert Black, all former Gleichen residents but now living in Calgary spent the weekend in town. They all say they had a swell time while in town.

Working casualties in Alberta are heavy. During 1945 there was a casualty every eight minutes each working day with a fatality every 37 hours. In total, 19,164 workers were injured, 67 of them killed. These figures include farm or "off the job" accidents. In 1944 the time lost in Alberta by workmen injured in industrial accidents was approximately two hundred and fifty-eight thousand days, or 861 years, not counting holidays. Compensation was paid in approximately \$4,800,000. The gravity of the situation can hardly be over emphasized.

There has been a continuous decline of interest rates since World War I right through to the end of World War II and a better society, then what is the answer?

No place in the bill is there any question or suggestion of inflationary measures. There is a reference to supplementary buying power essential to moving goods when the total buying power in circulation within the province is below the total price of goods. This supplementary buying power is to be distributed to the consumer as this is the place in the cycle of business where it will do the most good. The legislation does not disrupt present financial methods in any way. It does not affect our importing or exporting as done today. Banks will still do business as usual. The reference to the issue of this bill is a necessary device to settle definitely the question of constitutional jurisdiction. One of all kinds have fought for the rights outlined in this bill. Professional groups have urged for these same things, and individuals in every walk of life have expressed the desire for these things. Today, through this bill, all people have an opportunity of forgetting sectionalism and of uniting in this one common demand.

The bill makes no reference to making legal tender, creating currency, treasury notes or paper money. It merely asks for the transfer and expansion of credit, a thing which the banks practice today but not under any legal authorization from the Dominion parliament. Hon. Lucien Hayward, Attorney General, argued the case of the House that the province has the constitutional right to do those things outlined in the bill.

THE CALGARY HIGHLANDERS

The world's champion plier, Pipe Major Neil Sutherland who was billeted at the Depot of Highland Regiments in Perth, Scotland, will be one of the feature attractions when the renowned Calgary Highlanders hold their first Annual Reunion in the Legion Hall, in Calgary on April 6th.

Colonel J. Fred Scott, Lt-Col Ross Ellis and Lt-Col Dalton Haywood who commanded the unit at different times between 1939 and 1946, in the war, and the officers and other ranks Highlanders Associations had recently been formed, and it was the committee's intention to arrange a reunion to maintain the splendid fellowship which was developed overseas and to promote the welfare of all Calgary Highlanders.

It is expected that more than 600 former Highlanders from all parts of Western Canada will attend the reunion and smoker. Major Clark, Reunion Chairman, has set up committee offices at 88 the Armoury, Calgary, and is undertaking to make invitations to all former members who write to him at that address.

Was it and after there are advantages and disadvantages in this tendency. Interest rates were too high in the first Great War, they added much to costs. The situation is now in reverse, low interest rates may cost us more than would higher interest rates. After all there is something to be said in defense of thrift. It is worth encouraging. There is too a sense of a reasonable profit. If it no longer pays people to accumulate for their old age, then accumulation will cease and we shall reach the time when which all will retire on government pensions. All things granted by the state must be paid for by taxes upon the people, on those who work. There is nothing to be claimed that we can live by looting the accumulations of the past. It has been demonstrated that, if inheritance taxes have never been imposed, if the inheritance tax had been put by governments had been permitted to fructify in hands of the original owners the gain in income tax would have more than compensated for the loss of the inheritance taxes. Difficult to prove but it seems probable.

Envoys and Mrs. John Walker left Monday morning for Regina, Saskatchewan to accept a position in the Home there under the direction of Major and Mrs. Sutherland formerly of Gleichen. Envoys and Mrs. Walker had originally intended to go to St. Louis, Mo., where he has a brother in charge of a girls home but changed their minds and decided to stay in Canada.

Mrs. Jack Lyons, and English was bereft, and two children arrived from overseas last week to join her husband and family. Saturday the Lyons family will visit Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gooderham until carpenters have completed their house in Calgary.

Six snailing Gleichen residents were barred before the court yesterday afternoon for not having road licenses for the current year. They paid their fines of \$4 a piece and went happily on their devious ways. The peculiar part of it is that every blessed one of them live on Prosperity Avenue. They didn't forget their Saturday experience so bright and early Monday morning got their '46-47 road licenses.

Our old friends (!) the gophers are again off in control of the ground. The legitimate prey of sportsmen and farmer's poison destruction, they are yet the personification of the western country's abounding vitality and recurring life. The roads are bound with their bobbing forms and the fields of ears take an uncanny toll, but their presence is a certain promise that though she may be despised by some straggling runner, the spring is indeed showing her face.

J.F.W.A. Meeting

(By Special Correspondent.)

The regular meeting of the J.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. A. Quennell on March 28th when 22 members and 10 visitors were present.

After the minutes were read and adopted the correspondence was dealt with and our annual donation to the Salvation Army was ordered sent.

The report on the lunch served by Mrs. A. Hutcheon's was approved to be very good for the treasury. All who assisted were thanked for their help.

Bulletin on Young People's Work was read, also a paper on General Eisenhower was read by Mrs. Geo. McLean and very much enjoyed. The secretary read a letter to the meeting regarding the new armory to be built in Gleichen and all were urged to cooperate as this would be a credit to our community, also the armory would be available to dances and shows, etc. In order to get the new armory the support of all organizations in the district were asked to assist. A committee was appointed to represent the local comprising of Mrs. R. Cunningham, Mrs. A. Hutcheon, Mrs. A. P. Wilson and Mrs. A. McLean.

Current events were given by the members. Highlights were read and enjoyed by all. After a most delicious lunch the meeting adjourned to meet again on April 11th at the home of Mrs. David Vule.

Cluny Baseball Club Elect Officers For Ensuing Year

At a meeting of the Cluny baseball club the following officers were elected for this year:

President—Martial Rogeau.
Vice-President—Armand Corbiel.
Secretary—Albert Gibeau.
Coach—Holland Braasard.
Captain—Jules Gourdine.

The club expects a good season this year and hope the nearby towns and communities will field teams to give them a few games.



Last Week Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced new food contracts for the export of food to Great Britain. The contracts between Canada and Britain for our farm products will cover the next two years, and include hams, ham, beef, mutton, cheese, eggs, evaporated and powdered milk.

Important for Canada hog raisers is the clause in the contract which provides a new price for bacon, which will result in an increase to each farmer of approximately \$5 per hog.

There are other aspects to the food contracts of importance to farmers. While it is true that there is a sellers' market in Great Britain for foodstuffs, it has required Canadian government organization of export facilities, food grain arrangements, and the distribution of information to agricultural areas, to capitalize on this sellers' market.

There is considerable approval, even from the opposition in the House of Commons last week when Trade and Commerce Minister Macdonald reported government policy regarding the western wheat crops.

First, the presentational payment of \$1.50 per bushel has been \$1 Northern in store at the head of the lakes or on the Pacific coast will be continued until July 31, 1947. Second, there will be no over-all restriction on wheat deliveries during 1946-47, although there may be temporary quotas at the start of the season so as to distribute local elevator space fairly. Third, special measures are being taken to increase current wheat deliveries, to make available the utmost quantities of food to help meet the needs of the people in the rest of the world less fortunate than Canada.

Effective this week, wheat which farmers may not have intended to deliver at the present time can be marketed and sold, the farmers receiving special certificates which may be cashed at any time during 1946, 1947 or 1948. The arrangement will be effective until June 30th.

Of course, this means not only that farmers need not worry about the wheat which will flow from the farms into the food routes of the world, but also that farmers may spread out their income receipts as they wish, to help them in the operation of the present income tax rates.

This government policy was naturally approved by government backbenchers, and John Bracken spoke for the opposition when he said: "Considering the needs of the world today and the fact that the world is hungry, the action of the government is in the right direction and I am glad to commend them for it."

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To All Employers:

All Unemployment Insurance Books for the year ending March 31st, 1946, must be exchanged for new books.

Kindly communicate immediately with your nearest National Employment Service Office if you have not already exchanged your employer's books.

There are severe penalties for failing to make Unemployment Insurance contributions for your insured employees and for failure to renew Unemployment Insurance Books as required.

To All Employers:

If you are an insured person protect your benefit right by seeing that your Insurance Book has been exchanged.

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Mrs. Richards who has been quite ill for the past week was taken to the Bascom hospital Monday.

Considerable trouble with a plugged main sewer pipe has been experienced for the past couple of weeks. After digging down to the pipe in several places the plug was finally found to consist of frozen water. As soon as this was fixed work was commenced to find two water main leaks. One at the telephone office and the other across the street at the armory.

Want Ads cover and disclose a multitude of needs.

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Co-operation In Education

THERE WERE FEW ASPECTS OF LIFE which were not affected by the German conquest of Europe, and the task of restoring the occupied countries is an enormous one. One of the many urgent needs is the re-building of educational institutions, which were often wilfully destroyed by the Nazi invaders. In 1942 a conference of Allied Ministers of Education was called in London, when plans were discussed for providing assistance in restoring the schools and colleges of Europe after the war. Later, representatives from the Dominions of the British Commonwealth, India, the United States, Russia and China were invited to join the original organization, which had consisted only of members from Britain and nine enemy-occupied countries of Europe.

Early in the present year this work was formally taken over by the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. One important project of this body is to provide books and periodicals for Allied nations and university libraries. This work was commenced several years ago, funds being provided by Britain and the Allied governments. An inter-allied Book Centre was opened in London and already nearly half a million books have been collected, through book salvage drives, and as gifts from universities, cultural societies and interested individuals. At present two hundred thousand books come into the Centre each week, and the objective is to have two million books available for distribution at the end of this year. In addition, the problem of providing school equipment and scientific apparatus has been studied, as well as plans for the international exchange of teachers and students.

May Contribute To World Peace

It has been recommended that this work be incorporated in an educational organization within the structure of the United Nations, and forty-four nations have already agreed upon a constitution for a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the aims of which are "to contribute to peace and security by promoting cultural and scientific cooperation among nations, science and culture, in order to further universal respect for justice, human rights and the fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world by the Charter of the United Nations." It is possible that through this work a lasting and constructive contribution will be made to the cultural re-building of Europe, as well as to a greater measure of co-operation and understanding among the nations.

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British Who's Who Carries Biography Of The Aga Khan

The Aga Khan is a prince above prices. His biography in the British Who's Who lists his honorary degree from Cambridge, his British honors and decorations, his chairmanship of the Indian Round Table Delegation of 1930 and 1931, his presidency of the League of Nations Assembly in 1937, his victories in the Derby, his eleven-gun salute and, almost incidentally, his relationship to him. He is, in fact, a descendant of Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed, and as such is believed by his followers to have divine attributes. There are not, it is said, many who are not, yet to Western eyes. Indeed, he does not parade them for the benefit of his cosmopolitan friends. On the worldly scale he is a colorful character with two phases: an Indian leader who has tried to unite India's Moslems; and has done a good deal for the economic welfare of his Indian followers, many of them converted Hindus; and an international playboy of a type not so common as it used to be—New York Times.

Just Existing

Some Homes Too Orderly For People To Live In

We have had the experience, as has probably everyone, of going into houses in which real living is forbidden. These are the ones where there is a mania for cleanliness and order, amounting to a fetish. We often wonder what satisfaction they bring to the co-paralytic housewife. There are houses with parlors that have never once been seen where the front door is unused. Expensive rugs must not be profaned by the tread of shoes carrying the dust of the streets. There are bookcases filled with volumes that must not be handled for fear of smudges, curtains that must not be subjected to the fumes of tobacco smoke. The family exists mainly in the kitchen. It does not, of course, live. Under such a regime, real living is impossible—Windsor Star.

THE WAY IT WORKS

Going to the new restaurant for lunch, Jones ordered brown bread. The waitress brought him white. The second day he ordered brown and again got white. This went on for a week.

Then he decided that the only way to get what he wanted was to order the opposite. So he started the new week by adding to his luncheon order "And bring me some white bread."

"Bring," exclaimed the girl, "never mind. I also refer occasionally to the white bread. I'll bring it in a minute." And she brought the most delicious white bread you can buy for less than any other.

First editor of the London News-Chronicle, which is celebrating its centenary this year, was the novelist Charles Dickens.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q—How many sugar-preserves coupons become valid in the month of April?

A—Three of the new combined sugar-preserves coupons will become valid during April, 85 on April 4, and coupons 86 and 87 become valid on April 18. Pink sugar coupons numbered 46 to 79 expire on March 31.

Q—Will we be receiving another ration book from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board?

A—Ration book number six will be issued early next fall.

Q—I heard over the radio while I was listening to "Soldier's Will" program that we could obtain suggestions from some department of the government in Ottawa for extending butter. Where could I write to obtain these recipes?

A—These recipes for stretching the butter allowance may be obtained by writing to the Department of Agriculture.

Q—A friend of mine told me that she bought butter at a store without coupons, by promising them at a later date. Is this lawful?

A—The law demands that coupons must be surrendered at the time rationed goods are purchased or sold.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices, mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

BEHAVIOR

Men's behavior should be like their apparel, not too strait, or point de view, free for exercise or motion.—Bacon.

To be always thinking about your manners is not the way to make them good; the very perfection of manners is not to think about yourself.—Whately.

Simplicity of manner is the last attainment. Men are very large afraid of being natural from the dread of being taken for ordinary.—Jeffrey.

There are men whose manners have the same essential splendor as the simple and awful sculpture on the friezes of the Parthenon.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Right motives give opinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Nothing except what flows from the heart can render even external manners truly pleasing.—Blair.

Oyster shells in colonial days were used as ash basins for fumes.

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GERRY DOHERTY stood in the doorway of an automaton on the west side of Tinnex Square and gazed steadily across at the Palace. The theatrical trade sheets used to say that when he had played the Palace you had made Broadway.

Gerry felt funny inside as that thought flashed through his mind, his lips tightened as he remembered the night a few seasons back when he stood in this same doorway and thrilled at the sight of his own name in the electric lights of the Palace marquee.

His mind lagged. He leaned against the building and got to dreaming. Two shows a day at the Palace, opening Monday matinee. He remembered how nervous he was on his first date at the house. Gerry matinee was when all showfolk in production on Broadway and every ace vaudeville performer who could make the date, dropped in to "catch" the show. Gerry's agents thought he could snap up an act for a production or offer to do 10 to 25 shows looking on another circuit.

Gerry, doing a single, had been assigned the toughest spot on the bill, No. 2 spot. And the heart jumped clean out of him when he heard his cue music that Monday afternoon.

But his feet didn't go back on sign, he grunted his teeth and at the first murmur of approval went into a routine that completely stopped the show. On Monday night he was figured to next to closing so that the show would not be stopped before the headline came.

The people from the subway circuit dawdled over their coffee and talked in Silver's, Thompson's, and the Automata, and told one another of a horder who had come out of the west to stop a Palace show in the duce spell.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. W. Varnell have received word that their son George will arrive home in a few days. He has been overseas for several months with the Canadian navy and returned to Canada on the warship Warrior Sunday.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Quennell Saturday evening in honor of E. Johnson who is leaving shortly for Sweden where he expects to get married. It was his intention to get married in 1939 but the war breaking out prevented him from returning home. And so now after waiting for six long years his hopes are about realized.

A resident of Eventide Home for almost six years Robert L. Miles died last Wednesday at the age of 71 years. He was born in Quincy, Ill. and came to Alberta about thirty two years ago to farm. He retired in 1933. Funeral services were conducted by Major A. F. Parkinson after which interment was made in Eventide cemetery.

FARMERS URGED TO GROW FLAX

A Dominion government announcement to the effect that the guaranteed price for flax seed, effective August 1st, next, will be increased from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per bushel, places this crop on an excellent cash basis, and it is expected that more flax seed will be sown this year in view of the world shortage in flax and vegetable oils. Grave concern at the alarming decrease in flax acreage in Canada had been expressed at a recent meeting of the National Barley and Linseed Flax Committee held in Winnipeg. A statement issued by the chairman said that unless the situation was remedied in the near future, the effects would be far reaching and decidedly harmful.

It was brought out at the meeting of the committee that the need for flax is no less than during the war. There is still throughout the world an urgent demand for vegetable oils and the most important oil-producing crop grown in this country is flax. Flax has many by-products and if the supply is cut off, the farmer himself is directly affected.

Every day he uses flax in the form of linseed meal for his cattle, paint for his buildings and farm machinery and in numerous other ways important to the successful operation of his farm.

In an effort to ease the present conditions and to help farmers profitably increase their flax acreage, the National Barley and Linseed Flax Committee have just released a new flax book entitled "The Truth About Flax." This book was written by men who have studied and know every phase of flax production and contains useful information to enable farmers to obtain maximum yields by latest methods of cultivation.

Illustrating the scope of the market for flax as also the shortage of this commodity, briefs were submitted at the meeting and showed that a shortage of linseed oil would seriously affect Canadian industries such as the paint and varnish industry and the linoleum industry. For to both, linseed oil is in their life blood. With the huge building projects planned in the post war years for town and country, flax will be in urgent demand for sometime to come.

Flax authorities at the meeting pointed out that there was little possibility of Canada obtaining flax or linseed oil from abroad. Only a few countries in the world produce flax but linseed oil will be in great demand from all countries for the enormous reconstruction necessary to repair the ravages of war.

The book "The Truth About Flax" sponsored by the committee has been approved by the Manitoba Saskatchewan and Alberta Departments of Agriculture and shows how flax can become one of the most profitable cash crops.

A free copy can be secured simply by addressing a request to the National Barley and Linseed Flax Committee, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

THE SUGAR MYSTERY EXPLAINED IN SOME DETAIL

During the war years much official secrecy swathed information on the sugar situation but complete detail on imports domestic production and information on the sugar stabilization fund has been tabled in the house of commons.

Between 1939 and 1945 sugar production dropped 8 million tons, from 31 million tons to 23 million tons. This was due to destruction of the sugar industry in the Philippines and Java;

partial destruction of the sugar, coal and transportation industries in Europe, both on the field of battle, as in Poland and Ukraine, and in occupied territory. Production declined in Australia, Antigua, Fiji and Trinidad due to shortages of labor, shipping facilities and shipping.

Sugar production also declined in the United Kingdom and the United States. But in Canada in 1945 sugar beet production increased 20 million pounds over the pre war average.

The sugar crisis was faced by Canada, Britain and the United States on an agreement to share and share alike through the Combined Food Board in Washington which made allotments of sugar, on this basis to each country. Thus Canada's increased production of sugar beets was absorbed in the total of world production of sugar, and divided equitably, as all other stocks were divided.

Each country receives roughly 788 pounds of sugar per capita, but each country administers sugar rationing according to different national economies.

No sugar goes to breweries or distilleries in Canada, although a small amount is allocated to manufacturers of grape wine.

Intermittently it is stated that there are vast stores of sugar in certain countries, including Canada. This sugar has to be stored and distributed to the public in order to satisfy the sugar ration for the whole 12 months in certain areas. Furthermore, the more sugar as possible is imported before the close of navigation on the St. Lawrence river, as a saving a transportation cost.

Peru has been named as a source of great quantities of sugar. If Canada purchased sugar from Peru, now, that quantity would be deducted from her quota allotted by the Combined Food Board, and she would pay double the price she is now paying for sugar.

During the war the Sugar Stabilization Fund has accumulated a profit of 14 million dollars on its transactions. This money is now being used to keep the price of sugar sold in Canada at its present level in spite of the rising costs of raw sugar.

GROWING EARLY TOMATOES

Methods of culture that encourage early tomato ripening are important in prairie gardens. During the recent cool growing seasons these have added significance since the tomato is a heat loving crop.

The early bush tomatoes, such as Early Chatham, Redskin, Farthor North and Bounty are recommended for the prairie. These varieties tend to flower early. In fact, if the plants are started indoors for later transplanting, they often flower before they are set out. This is a disadvantage. The plants should be in the bud stage when they are set out in the ground. Accordingly, it is best to start the plants in doors early in April, and to grow them steadily until transplanting time.

Tomato plants should be started in pots indoors, if possible. Five inch pots are good and will give a strong tap root, helpful to early fruiting. Plants grown in flats frequently have their tap root broken when they are transplanted from one box to another. In a three-year experiment, in which units of 15 plants were used for each

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Growth of tomato plants indoors should be steady and unchecked. They should be kept in full sunlight, and in a temperature of about 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit and away from draughts.

When putting the plants in the garden in time place the roots in warm soil. If the plant stems are long and leggy, bury a portion of them only three quarters to one inch below the soil surface. Shallow cultivation during the summer is best. Deep hoeing does considerable damage to the root system and handicaps early fruiting.

Irrigation of tomatoes, if necessary, is generally left until the full flush of fruit is on. Should the plants require water sooner than this, a light irrigation can be given without too much danger of retarding early ripening.

Bush tomatoes do not require pruning but they can be staked to advantage. The method of staking used is to make a square of 1x2 inch lumber, or a wire ring with uprights which, when set under the branches, holds them off the ground. Thus the sun can warm up the soil near the plant stem to encourage early ripening, and the fruits are not liable to rot so quickly during wet weather as when resting on the ground.

Some gardeners remove the foliage of tomato plants to encourage early ripening, but this is not recommended. The leaves are necessary in protecting food for fruit production. However, in cases where the plants are loaded with fruit and ripening is slow when the first fall frosts threaten defoliation may help to hasten ripening.

Prairie gardeners would be well advised to grow generous quantities of tomatoes in 1945 for home canning as well as for fresh use so as to have a winter supply of the important health protecting vitamin.

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